President.—What is the supplementary question?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The heading is not correctly worded.

Leper Asylum.

261. Mr. A. B. Salem.— 1. Will the Government be pleased to state the present condition of the Leper Asylum at Venduruthi;

2. how many visits were paid by the Hon: visitors during the course of the year 1104 and whether they have made any special remarks that have been brought to the notice of the Government;

3. what is the total amount spent on the proposed Adur Leper Asylum in total so far, and at what stage the same is at present;

4. what amount was spent on the abandoned Anappara Leper Asylum buildings in the year 1104 for its maintenance, P. C. R. works, etc.;

5. will they be pleased to state the names of officers who have inspected this Anappara Leper Asylum buildings in the course of the year and the dates of their respective inspections, if any;

6. will the Government be further pleased to state to what use the cottages built for housing lepers on the Anappara hill sides are to be put in the year 1105 and in what condition they are now;

7. will the Government be pleased to state if any reserved forests or mere forests supposed to contain wild animals exist in the immediate vicinity of the Anappara Leper Asylum or bounding it;

8. will the Government be also pleased to state whether any outside authorities on leprosy have inspected or visited the Adur, Anappara or Venduruthi Asylums in the course of the year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— 1. The present condition of the Asylum buildings is fair. The temporary sheds are not quite strong but they will last for some time till the new Asylum buildings are ready.

2. Nil.

3. The total amount spent so far is Rs. 33,444—8—4. Five blocks out of 15 are completed and ten more are in progress and will be completed in a month or two. The other buildings in progress are :—

(1) Surgeon's quarters—nearly complete.

(2) Dispensary In progress.

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(3) Kitchen — In progress.
(4) Servants' quarters — do.
(5) Latrines — do.
(6) Menials' do — do.
(7) Water Works, Prayer Hall and Administrative Block—not taken up.

4. Rs. 526.

5. The Section Superintendent of the P. W. D., the Trichur Overseer, East Range, the Assistant Engineer, Northern Division and the Chief Engineer have inspected the buildings. They have inspected the buildings on many occasions during the year.

6. They will be made use of in connection with the Anappara College Scheme.

7. The forests in the vicinity do not contain any big game. Occasional visits of small leopards and wild boars are reported in the neighbourhood.

8. No.

Fall in the daily attendance of the Civil Hospital at Trichur.

262. Mr. K. J. Antony.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether there was a fall in the daily attendance of the Civil Hospital at Trichur during the early part of the year 1104 or immediately before that;

(2) if the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, whether the Civil Surgeon and Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Mr. K. Kochunni Menon, were called upon to tender explanations;

(3) if the explanations were not satisfactory, what action was taken against the Civil Surgeon;

(4) whether it is a fact that the Civil Surgeon was showing undue consideration towards paying patients attending the Hospital in preference to the poor and the needy that this differential treatment to some extent also accounted for the fall in daily attendance;

(5) will the Government be pleased to lay on the Table copies of the explanations, if any, submitted by the Civil Surgeon and Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Mr. K. Kochunni Menon, with regard to the fall in attendance?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) Yes.

(2) The cause of the fall in attendance was investigated.

(3) The file was recorded with the observation that the Civil Surgeon should take steps for improvement, if possible.

(4) There is no class of patients among out-patients or in-patients called 'paying patients', and hence the question of fall

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